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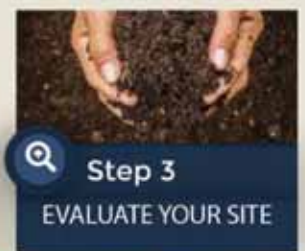
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## SAN DIEGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**OUR MISSION** is to inspire and educate the people of San Diego County to grow and enjoy plants, and to create beautiful, environmentally responsible gardens and landscapes.



### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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For questions contact [membership@sdhort.org](mailto:membership@sdhort.org) or call Cindy Benoit at 760-473-4244.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00 – 6:45 Vendor sales, lending library, plant display

6:45 – 8:30 Announcements, door prizes, speaker

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 2            Featured Garden, Alpine (register online)

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August 8        Bill Toone on Roar of the Monarch Butterfly

September 12 Jeff Moore on his new book, *Aloes and Agaves*

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November 14 Greg Rubin & Lucy Warren on their new book, *The Drought-Defying California Garden*



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COVER IMAGE: See these fascinating bog plants, and many more horticultural treasures, at SDHS Night at the Zoo. This replaces our July meeting. Details on registration at [www.sdhort.org](http://www.sdhort.org).

## SPECIAL EVENT: SDHS Night at the San Diego Zoo! A very special event celebrating 100 years of horticulture at the Zoo.

**Monday, July 11, 5:00 – 7:30 PM**

**San Diego Zoo - Balboa Park**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED for some activities**

### Highlights of the evening:

- ◆ FREE to Zoo members, 20% off tickets for non-Zoo members\*  
(\*Registration required to get discount coupon via email.)
- ◆ FREE 35-minute horticulture bus tours - advance registration required.
- ◆ FREE TOUR of the Zoo's botanical nursery and orchid house.
- ◆ Self-guided tours of the Zoo's spectacular gardens.

**Full details & registration at [sdhort.org](http://sdhort.org)**





# SAN DIEGO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Established September 1994

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Garden Hosts Wanted for "Mad About The Fair 2016"

## OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE - Fair runs until July 4th

As in past years, we will need about 100 shifts covered by volunteers at our display garden at the 2016 San Diego County Fair. In exchange for about four hours of your time, you'll get free admission to the Fair. No special knowledge needed. Volunteers will answer questions about our display garden and plants in general, and encourage interested folks to become members of SDHS. Sign up for a shift or two on our website (sdhort.org).

## Tech Support Help at Meetings:

Do you have video and tech support skills, and also love to garden? We need a tech-savvy volunteer to help load speaker presentations onto a laptop prior to our monthly meeting, and to assist the speaker. Also, we are looking for an individual who can load past presentations onto the internet. Contact Jim Bishop: [president@sdhort.org](mailto:president@sdhort.org).

## LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

With 1,200+ members, there must be at least a dozen or so individuals willing to participate on the SDHS Board. **Are you one of them? Is this your chance to get involved and share your talent and time?** We have several key volunteer Board positions that need to be filled in order for our organization to thrive. If you have an interest and skills to offer for any of these positions, please apply using the automated form on the website: [sdhort.org](http://sdhort.org). It is fast and easy! (You just need to log into the website and follow the prompts for security.) The open positions are:

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- Vice President/ Membership  
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- Garden Tour Chair  
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- Meeting Room Coordinator  
Oversees meeting room set-up and Plant vendor sales
- Member-At-Large (3 positions)

All positions serve a 3-year term, except for the members-at-large, who serve for 1 year. If you are new to the organization or to serving on a board, a member-at-large position may be just perfect for you. The board meets 6 times a year for about 2 hours each time, and this is an excellent opportunity to share your skills and to enhance the board's expertise. Out-going officers will "orient" new officers on duties to ensure you have all the information you need.

**Don't wait! We need you now! Apply by July 31 on the website.** In August, the current board will be electing from a slate presented by the Nominating Committee. The new officers take over in September. If you have any questions, please contact Princess Norman at 760 789-1342 or [mtnpeak2@cox.net](mailto:mtnpeak2@cox.net).





## FROM THE BOARD

By Jim Bishop

### New Meeting Location!



A meeting held at our new location.

We have been meeting at the Del Mar Fairgrounds since late 1994, and the facility works reasonably well most of the time. However, recent announcements by the Del Mar Fairgrounds to replace the facility, coupled with increasing room rental fees, worsening traffic, and difficulties with setup and audio-visual equipment has led our board to seek a venue to ensure a quality meeting experience for all of our 1,200 members.

We are therefore excited to announce that beginning August 8th our meetings will be held at the Congregation Beth Israel (CBI), a state-of-the art meeting facility located at 9001 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego 92122, in the UTC area. It is a beautiful space with a large auditorium-style room featuring padded seats, a proper stage and an excellent audio-visual system. There is an adjacent room that will be used for a pre-meeting social hour where vendors and other tables will be set up. Free coffee and tea will be available before the meeting, and we have access to a kitchen for the occasional meeting that includes food. In addition, there is a large courtyard – planted with Mediterranean plants – in front of the meeting room.

The location is more centrally located in San Diego and has good freeway access. Our central and south county members can avoid the “merge,” and our north county members have just a few minutes (5 miles) longer to drive. And for those that carpool, 805 South has a new commuter lane. Best of all, there are many stores and restaurants in the area, so you can make an afternoon of it or have an early dinner before the meeting. Ample free parking is available in the adjacent parking garage.

We encourage you to come early to the August meeting so you can enjoy pre-meeting refreshments and check out our new facility. Doors open at 5:30PM. Look for more information in the August newsletter and emails about driving directions, parking, and a new check in process.

Help us get the word out by telling other members and your friends.

### Thank you Fair Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who served as garden hosts at our exhibit at the San Diego County Fair. (If you still help – the Fair runs to July 4 – see page 2.) This is one of our largest volunteer activities and outreach programs of the year. With the huge attendance at the Fair and a great garden in a wonderful location, we were able to engage with many individuals to share information about the San Diego Horticultural Society, the San Diego County Water Authority conservation programs, and just share our knowledge about plants and beautiful gardens.

A special thank you to Linda Teague for creating and installing our wonderful garden. I’ve heard many comments about the design and the South African plant selection she

selected for the garden. Thank you also to Mary Friestedt and Dave Ericson for helping with the garden. More information is on page 7. ☘

### FAIR AWARDS WE WON

Our garden won three important awards, the first two of which we’ve never won before! As it was in previous years, our exhibit was sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority, and we greatly appreciate their support.

- **H. W. Buckner Cactus and Succulent Garden Award, First Place:** Presented to an exemplary garden landscape that best demonstrates the use of these true xerophytes).
- **Edgar Engert Educational Award:** Presented to the exhibit displaying outstanding educational merit and creative use of plant materials to encourage and inspire the home gardener.
- **Noteworthy Plant Specimen Award**





## THE REAL DIRT ON...

### Robert and Betty Hoover

By Susan Krzywicki

I was studying up on the *Dudleya* species, commonly called Liveforever succulents. They are all California natives and I was sorting them by cultural conditions: inland dry summer lovers growing on cliffs, or ocean bluff fog lovers. One species name caught my eye:



Dr. Robert F. Hoover in the Herbarium.

Photo courtesy: Dr. Jenn Yost, Assistant Professor - Cal Poly

*Dudleya abramsii* ssp.

*bettinae*. I asked around amongst my native plant buddies and Nicky Hughes of **Gold Rush Nursery** wrote, "According to the *Etymological Dictionary of Succulent Plant Names*, 'bettinae,' in *Dudleya abramsii* honors Betty Hoover, wife of the USA botanist, Robert F. Hoover." Intrigued, I did some research that I wanted to share with you about this pair.

Robert Francis Hoover was born in 1913, and was a charter member of the California Native Plant Society. A graduate of Stanford with an MA from U C Berkeley, he remained in Berkeley until 1940, working as Dr. Willis Lynn Jepson's teaching and research assistant. Dr. Hoover was the last student to complete his Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. Jepson (see Real Dirt articles from 6/09 and 5/13).

He then was a professor of botany at California State Polytechnic College (Cal Poly) for over twenty years. When he retired, the herbarium was named in his honor.

#### Peer Recognition and Results

He was elected a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, contributing more than 7000 specimens to the Academy's herbarium. In 1955, the American Amaryllis Society awarded its highest honor, the William Herbert Medal, noting "The taxonomy and nomenclature of the group of plants popularly known as the Brodiaea Lilies was in a confused condition until Dr. Robert F. Hoover... published his taxonomic studies." His favorite plant was the Mariposa Lily, *Calochortus venustus*; he had planned to conduct a study of the different forms and their ecology within the state before his death.



Betty's *Dudleya*, *Dudleya abramsii* ssp. *bettinae*, a rare California native succulent.

Photo courtesy: calflora.org

## BOOK REVIEW

### *Safe Sex in the Garden*

By Thomas Leo Ogren

Reviewed by Caroline McCullagh

When I was in junior high school, a rude joke about the ultimate title for a *Reader's Digest* article made the rounds. Some of you will remember it. The rest of you will have to wonder: That was a magazine. *Safe Sex in the Garden* is probably the ultimate title for a book. Now I'll give you the rest of it: *and Other Propositions for an Allergy-free World*.

The sex Ogren is writing about is actually between the plants in your garden. Did you know all your plants have gender? Individuals of some species are either strictly male—they produce pollen—or female—they produce ovules (eggs). In other species, the individuals will carry both male and female parts.

Ogren tells us that many gardeners consider female plants, which produce flowers, fruits, and seeds, to be messy. In response to demand for "litter-free" plants, the American nursery industry has shifted to mostly selling male clones.

What does this mean for us? It means that we have many more male plants producing pollen and fewer female plants catching it. The result is that we are bombarded with much higher levels of pollen now than we were even 20 years ago.

Pollen can be allergenic, as many of you know, and toxic to us and to our pets. Yes, even if we are lucky enough not to have pollen allergies, we may be sickened by the poisonous pollen of the plants we grow near and in our homes and in our public spaces.

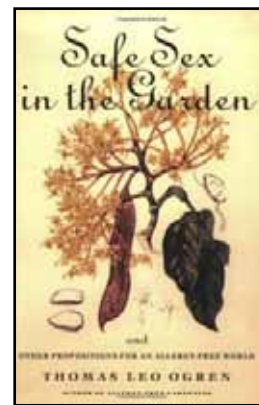
The author has opened a window to knowledge of which I was vaguely aware. Now I realize that there's a lot more information out there than I understood. We all need to know about this to protect our families and ourselves.

He doesn't recommend that we rush out and rip up all the plants in our yards that produce dangerous pollen, but he does want us to be aware of what we can do to protect ourselves. For example, a plant located under a bedroom window may make us ill. The same plant located across the yard may be just fine. What he wants is for us to be able to make informed choices.

He has published two other books about allergy: *The Allergy-Fighting Garden* and *Allergy-Free Gardening*. He tells us that the second one is primarily an annotated listing of plants rated for their allergenic qualities.

This is an important topic, and Ogren's down-to-earth style makes it approachable. I give this book a strong recommendation. You can check out the author at his website: [www.allergyfree-gardening.com](http://www.allergyfree-gardening.com).

Note: My first novel, *The Ivory Caribou*, is now available at my website ([www.carolinemccullagh.com](http://www.carolinemccullagh.com)) and on Amazon. 🌿



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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### From Mission Hills to Granite Hills, Hospitality Rules

By Tina Ivany and Patty Berg

A few months back, Stephen Zolezzi hosted a plant propagation workshop for SDHS in his garden, taught by the wonderful Anne Murphy. There were plenty of chairs set up for the big crowd, and as I sat in the shade of the patio cover watching hummingbirds and dragonflies flit around the waterfall behind Annie, it appeared that we had been welcomed into a magical place. It turns out that hospitality comes naturally to Stephen Zolezzi. Many long-time San Diegans will recognize his name and fondly remember the beloved Stefano's and Zolezzi's Italian restaurants in Hillcrest. Stephen opened his first restaurant in 1965 at the age of 18 and continued to operate restaurants for 35 years.



For the past 22 years he has been President/CEO of the Food & Beverage Association of San Diego County, serving the retail hospitality industry. His professional careers have been all about serving the needs of customers and members. Accordingly, transitioning to participating and volunteering in societies like SDHS fulfills a need to serve wherever he can be helpful.



As a third generation San Diegan, growing up and living in Mission Hills, Stephen has always enjoyed gardening as a hobby. A move fifteen years ago to Granite Hills in East County launched a big learning curve that resulted in a few plant casualties. Stephen says the hardest lesson to learn has been not to overwater – it's a lesson he's apparently learned well, since on his latest water bill, usage was down 43%!

Switching from a coastal to an inland environment changed Stephen's gardening palette from tropical to natives, succulents and cacti. Last year he replaced a lawn with 20 yards of soil and rock to make way for over 300 plants, including over 35 types of Aloes, most of which he grew from seed and cuttings. Stephen says he's fortunate to have a large greenhouse to house most of his orchid collection in addition to being a great environment for seed and cutting culture. Seeing a seed sprout into a living mature plant is very rewarding to him and a real inspiration to continue in the face of "tight water, bugs and varmints".

In Stephen's own words, "Through my life I have always enjoyed learning new things in my profession and hobbies. That is what attracted me to the Horticultural Society. [It's] an opportunity to learn from professionals in many fields of horticulture and meet great people interested in gardening, community and our environment".

## THE DIRT ON WATER BLOG

### Garden Fountains Repurposed

By Jeanne Meadow



Jeanne Meadow

With or without the drought, garden fountains can be turned into beautiful pieces of living art. Besides the obvious water issue, fountains need constant maintenance. Cleaning and mosquito vigilance alone is exhausting. Fountains use electricity and get clogged and need various parts replaced. Convinced to convert your fountain to a piece of art? It's fun and easy.

If you don't have a fountain but want one in your garden, the good news

is that you can likely find a broken one for free. Look on Craigslist and let your local garden club know. Remind them that you do want one that is broken! Mine was broken in a few places and I cemented it back together.

Now that you have your fountain, your first step is to find a good place for it. Dry fountains are not just for succulents. Pinterest has lots of ideas including grasses, natives and even strawberries! Select your location with your type of plants in mind. I knew I wanted colorful, softer-leaved succulents and needed some dappled afternoon shade. I put up with the leaf litter from my pepper tree to get the benefit of my succulents being happy in 105 degrees summer heat.

In my succulent fountain I did not worry about drilling drain holes in the top two levels. I would risk cracking the fountain in half. I just added 50% pumice to my dirt. The bottom level had drain holes for the water and I just put the dirt right on top of them. I add new dirt and plants about once every two years. Without a drain, you must be extra careful about overwatering.

Shopping for plants (who doesn't like that?) is a lot of fun. And because San Diego is the epicenter of succulent growers and designers, you have lots of choices. Places like Home Depot and Lowe's also have a good selection, and great prices. Most of the succulents in my fountain are from Oasis in Escondido. It is a dreamy place!

When you are buying your plants, think about plants that can mimic water and trail out of the fountain. Sedum burrito and string of bananas are good choices. String of pearls is gorgeous, but doesn't like too much sun; I can only grow it in full shade. As for the filler plants, have some fun with your design. Make it something you love with color texture and style.

Now that you have planted your fountain, put the final touches on with a top dressing of pebbles, stones, moss or more plants. (I chose more plants!) No dirt should be showing.

Water carefully and enjoy!

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Visit my blog at [TheDirtonWater.com](http://TheDirtonWater.com) to read my latest rants or contact me at [Jeanne@jeannemeadow.com](mailto:Jeanne@jeannemeadow.com).



# GOING WILD WITH NATIVES

## Recent Happenings in the Native Plant World

By Susan Krzywicki

Native plant knowledge and information-sharing continue to increase faster than *Calystegia macrostegia* after a winter rain. Recently, two events reinforced this: the Garden Native Tour 2016, and the publication of Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren's second collaboration, *The Drought-Defying California Garden: 230 Native Plants for a Lush, Low-Water Landscape*.



### Garden Native 2016

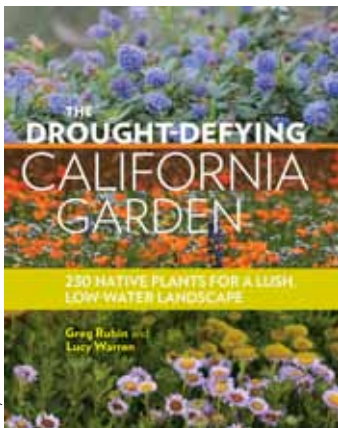
Twenty gardens from El Cajon to Jamul were on the 2016 Garden Native Tour. These gardens tended to be larger and more naturalistic than the more urban-oriented gardens of previous years. The chance to spread out over a bit more of Mother Nature's acreage means we saw some novel solutions, such as an underutilized swimming pool turned into a koi pond.

The San Diego California Native Plant Society (CNPS) chapter relied heavily on technology for a successful learning event, using social media to generate awareness and ticket sales. Joe Sochor, volunteer media expert, reported that Facebook followers increased by 65%. The tour also used Quick Response (QR) codes on plant markers, which linked to information about that species' cultivation needs. Using a smartphone, the QR code is read optically, then links the viewer to a website that is mobile-friendly.

One trend I noticed when I toured the gardens: the plant lists are becoming more varied. For example, towards the lower left corner of the accompanying photo is an Engelmann's hedgehog cactus or calico cactus (*Echinocereus engelmannii*). This plant is found only in the deserts from Victorville down through Palm Springs and south into Mexico east of Tecate. It is a delight to see this being cultivated in a garden setting for others to learn about and consider for their gardens.

### The Drought-Defying California Garden

Greg Rubin and Lucy Warren's *The Drought-Defying California Garden: 230 Native Plants for a Lush, Low-Water Landscape* has been published by Timber Press. These two experts have written a book that takes us through specific cultivation information. We all know that California native plants can create the lush, blooming landscape that San Diegans are looking for.



Greg and Lucy help us pick the plants for the spots in those gardens. [They will be the speakers at the November SDHS meeting.]

Wonderful photos are just part of the package. Greg and Lucy show you how to get your garden filled with the right plants, and how to keep your natives looking great all year long. Our native, wildlife-friendly spaces require minimal irrigation, once established and we look forward to more gardeners using these plants to reduce man-made irrigation. Lucy noted that the book fills a need: "Since its release in late March it has been a top-selling book on Amazon among Western regional garden books."

Susan Krzywicki is a native plant landscape designer in San Diego. She has been the first Horticulture Program Director for the California Native Plant Society, as well as chair of the San Diego Surfrider Foundation Ocean Friendly Gardens Committee and is on the Port of San Diego BCDC for the Chula Vista Bayfront. ☘

## TO LEARN MORE...

### Planting the Rain

By Ava Torre-Bueno

As our area gets hotter and dryer, and it certainly seems that it is, we can do more to catch, clean, and use all of the water that falls on our properties. One way to do this is to create and plant a rain garden: [http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden\\_design/whatisaraingarden.htm](http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden_design/whatisaraingarden.htm)

I had made a small rain garden a few years ago, but I hadn't attached it to the source of water on my property (the downspout from my roof), so it was pretty, but not useful. This year I've changed all that: <https://sites.google.com/site/plantingtherain/>



Keeping all your water on your property is called A Watershed Approach to Landscaping. You can download a PDF of an excellent book about this called San Diego Sustainable Landscape Guidelines created by the SD County Water Authority at: [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/WATERSHED\\_PROTECTION\\_PROGRAM/watershedpdf/San\\_Diego\\_Sustainable\\_Landscape\\_Guideline\\_Book.pdf](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/WATERSHED_PROTECTION_PROGRAM/watershedpdf/San_Diego_Sustainable_Landscape_Guideline_Book.pdf)

While rain barrels are a very good way to catch some rainwater, they only grab a tiny fraction of what's landing on your property, so consider planting the rain in your garden as well: <http://www.harvestingrainwater.com/> ☘



# SEE US AT THE FAIR!

Last Day is July 4 – Don't Miss Out!

Last month this space featured an article by Linda Teague, who wrote about the theme of our *Through The Looking Glass* garden. The plants used are from South Africa, which mirrors our location in the Southern Hemisphere. These water-thrifty plants are perfect in San Diego's dry Mediterranean climate. As Jim Bishop wrote last month, "Californians have become accustomed to growing many plants from this region that so easily adapt to Southern California but many are unaware of their South African origins. Our garden showcases the *Wonderland* of plants from South Africa that homeowners can so easily grow in Southern California, put together in a colorful and inspiring garden setting."

Our exhibit is sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority (see inside back cover). SDCWA also sponsored our gardens in 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015. We are grateful for their financial support, and for the opportunity to help educate San Diego homeowners that low water gardens can be both functional and beautiful.

## Plants Used in Our Fair Garden

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Adromischus criata</i>	Key Lime Pie
<i>Adromischus cristatus</i>	Crinkle-Leaf Plant
<i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i>	Fern pine
<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>	Agapanthus
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i> 'Baby Pete'	Baby Pete™ Lily Of The Nile
<i>Agapanthus</i> 'Glow Belle'	Agapanthus
<i>Albuca namaquensis</i>	Frizzle Sizzle
<i>Aloe africana</i>	Spiny Aloe
<i>Aloe arborescens variegata</i>	Tree Aloe
<i>Aloe barberae</i>	Tree Aloe
<i>Aloe</i> 'Cynthia Giddy'	
<i>Aloe ferox</i>	Cape Aloe
<i>Aloe</i> 'Rooikappie'	Little Red Riding Hood Aloe
<i>Aloe tomentosa</i>	Hairy Green Aloe
<i>Aloe vaombe</i>	Malagasy Tree Aloe
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> 'Myersii'	Myers Asparagus
<i>Asparagus retrofractus</i>	
<i>Bauhinia galpinii</i>	Red Orchid Bush
<i>Bulbine frutescens</i>	Yellow Bulbine
<i>Bulbine frutescens</i> 'Hallmark'	Orange Stalked Bulbine
<i>Bulbine natalensis</i>	
<i>Ceropegia woodii</i>	String of hearts
<i>Ceropegia woodii</i> 'Variegata'	
<i>Chondropetalum elephantinum</i>	Large Cape Rush
<i>Chondropetalum tectorum</i>	Small Cape Rush
<i>Coleonema</i> 'California Sunset'	Breath of Heaven
<i>Crassula conjuncta</i>	
<i>Crassula ovata</i> 'Pink Beauty'	Jade Plant
<i>Crassula perforata</i>	String of Buttons
<i>Crassula rupestris</i> 'High Voltage'	
<i>Crassula streyi</i>	
<i>Cussonia spicata</i>	Cabbage Tree
<i>Dais cotinifolia</i>	Pompom Tree
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<i>Faucaria candida</i>	
<i>Faucaria tigrina</i>	Tiger's Jaw
<i>Fenestraria aurantiaca</i>	Baby Toes
<i>Gardenia thunbergia</i>	
<i>Gasteria</i>	
<i>Gastroaloe</i> 'Midnight'	Pearl Aloe
<i>Gerbera</i> 'Drakensberg Carmine'	Carmine Hardy Drakensberg
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<i>Kalanchoe beharensis</i>	Velvet Elephant Ear
<i>Kalanchoe beharensis</i> 'Fang'	Stalactite Plant
<i>Kalanchoe beharensis</i> var. <i>subnuda</i> 'Blue Slick'	Naked Feltleaf
<i>Kniphofia</i> 'Echo Rojo'	Red Hot Poker
<i>Ledebouria socialis</i>	Silver Squill
<i>Leucadendron</i> 'Pisa'	Conebush
<i>Leucadendron</i> 'Rising Sun'	Conebush
<i>Leucadendron</i> 'Safari Goldstrike'	Yellow Conebush
<i>Leucospermum cordifolium</i> 'Yellow Bird'	Pincusion Flower
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<i>Senecio radicans</i>	String of Pearls, Bananas,
Fish hooks	
<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	African Tulip Tree
<i>Thunbergia alata</i> 'Arizona Dark Red'	Black-eyed Susan vine
<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Yellow Black-eyed Susan vine
<i>Xerosicyos danguyi</i>	Silver Dollar plant

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## FAIR AWARDS GIVEN BY SDHS

The San Diego Horticultural Society is proud to give seven Excellence in Horticulture awards to display gardens at the Fair. These awards recognize the exceptional efforts of the many people who design and install the demonstration landscapes that are a highlight of the Fair. Each award includes a cash prize (\$100 for the first six, and \$500 for the Most Outstanding Exhibit) and a one-year membership in SDHS. Congratulations to the winning gardens, which we hope you all got a chance to enjoy during the Fair.

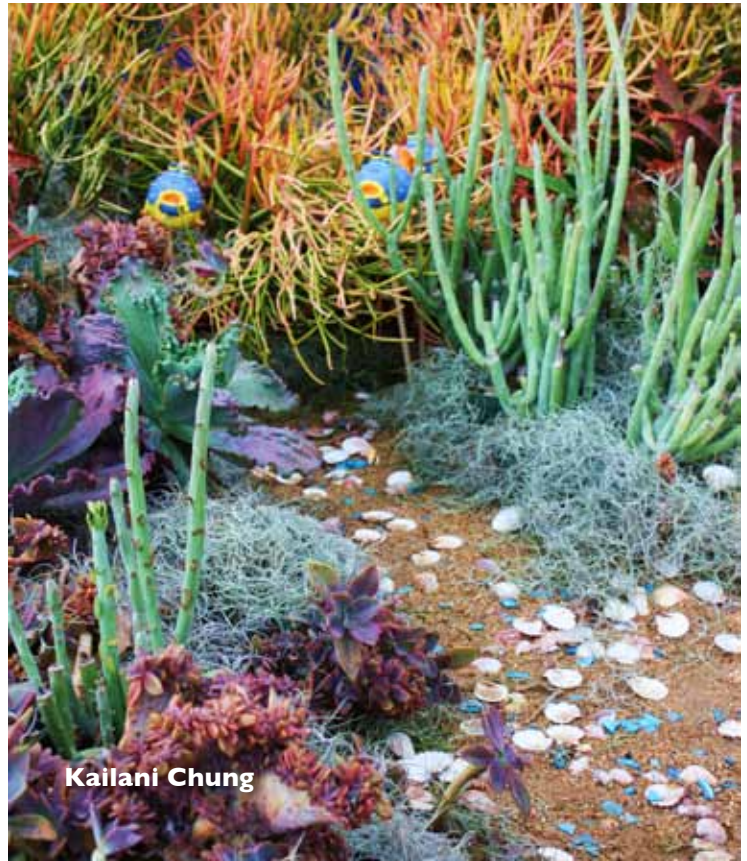
We thank our very thoughtful judges for the hours they spent judging all the display gardens. It is a demanding task requiring both a good eye for design and a significant depth of plant knowledge. The judges were:

- SDHS President Jim Bishop
- Marilyn Guidroz (marilyns-garden.com), who designed our award-winning 2010 *and* 2011 Fair gardens, and who worked with MiraCosta student interns on the 2015 garden as well as the 2011 and 2012 Fair gardens
- Susanna Pagan (spgardens.com), who designed our award-winning 2012 Fair garden and is an SDHS board member.
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- Susi Torre-Bueno, past president and newsletter editor

The Bill Teague Memorial Award for Creative Use of Unusual Plant Material was given to **San Diego Botanic Garden** for their beautiful display with plants from many different parts of the world. Included in their "Un-Planted" Garden were an outstanding succulent rabbit and a very clever water feature. This garden has great appeal for all ages.



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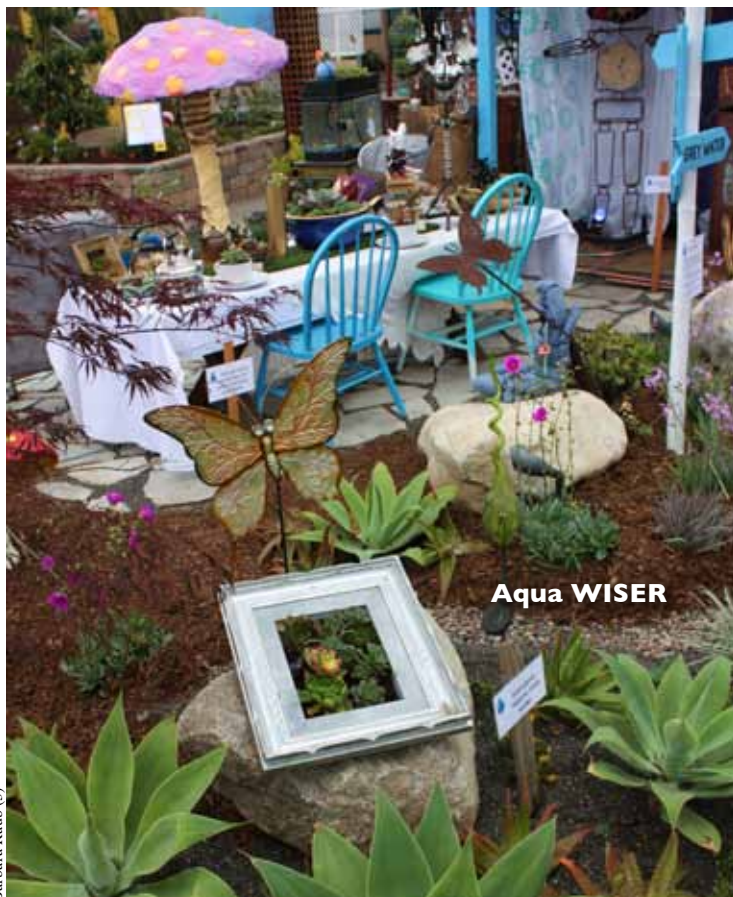


Kailani Chung

Our award for Best Youth Garden went to a first-time exhibitor, **Kailani Chung**, the first time we've given this award to an individual and not a school group. Her *Under the Sea Succulents* garden featured the attractive use of succulents which was very colorful. We loved the large sculpted seahorse and thought Kailani's design showed nice plant massing and a great sense of humor.

The Nomenclature Accuracy award for 100% perfect nomenclature went to **Green Acres Nursery** for their *Tea Time in Redder-Betterland* display. The individual plant labels were unobtrusive and easy to read, and they had a beautiful plant display.

New exhibitor **Aqua WISER** won the award for Best Expression of Garden Education, with a very fun *Mad About Water* garden. They hit all the principles of water conservation and reuse. We especially loved the steampunk washing machine (which blew bubbles), papier-mâché sculpted characters, and a gentleman made of old piping in an outdoor



Aqua WISER



# TREES, PLEASE

## When the Heat is On, Go out on a Limb

By Robin Rivet

Solar panel sales are up and urban heat-islands are increasing, but tree planting is down. You don't need advanced math to read the writing on the wall. Savvy horticulturists can be the envy of their neighbors by breaking this trend. This sampling is suitable for small to average-sized yards, flourishes through heat and drought, and each species features multiple benefits and aesthetics. Why not procure rare, luscious, aromatic or eye-catching trees?

- Primrose tree: *Lagunaria patersonii* 'Royal Purple' might be the perfect tree, with rapid growth, well-behaved roots, adaptation to coastal or inland conditions, full or part sun, smog, wind, poor soil, and salinity. Tall and narrow, it fits where wider trees might feel cramped; and sports purplish, hibiscus-like flowers during summer.
- Chinese jujube: *Ziziphus jujuba* has impossibly shiny leaves, a natural espalier form, and tasty date-like fruit, perfect as a low-water edible. The cultivar 'Sherwood' tastes like a small, sweet, nutty, and very crunchy apple.
- Idaho locust: *Robinia x ambigua* 'Idahoensis' boasts fast growth, and showy, fragrant clusters of edible\*, magenta-pink flowers that pop in hot weather. Legumes benefit depleted urban soils with nitrogen-fixing roots.
- Silver princess: *Eucalyptus caesia*. Do you hate eucalyptus? Think again. This species matures at ~20-30 feet, with fragrant foliage, enormous, rose-colored flowers from winter to spring, and poses minimal risk to hardscape.



Sweet Acacia



Silver Princess

- Chilean luma: *Luma apiculata* is highly adapted to our region, but rare. Why? With rusty bark, dark-evergreen foliage, scented, pinkish-white summer flowers, tasty berries and myrtle toughness.\*\* What's not to like?
- Sweet acacia: *Acacia farnesiana* has intensely perfumed, golden-flowering orbs in winter, attracting spring birds and bees. Given good drainage it grows quickly with well-mannered roots, although it dislikes heavy, clay soil.
- Acerola cherry: *Malpighia emarginata* 'Manoa Sweet' is an under-utilized, evergreen fruit tree, and highly ornamental. Although sub-tropical, it thrives in our warm, dry region, with repeat-blooming pink flowers, fountain-like branches, and successive production of sweet cherries very high in vitamin C. Yum and wow!
- Ganesh pomegranate: *Punica granatum* 'Ganesh'\*\*\* is an evergreen hybrid with soft, edible seeds. Surprisingly tough, it hails from India, but adapts well to Mediterranean conditions, blooming and fruiting nearly all year.
- Royal purple smoke tree: *Cotinus coggygia* 'Royal Purple' has a long-lasting inflorescence resembling a plume of smoke; and rich, deep-purple foliage, trouncing the more popular purple-leaf plum in every possible way.

These species are locally available, but you may need some sleuthing. Learn more at:

\* <http://www.apronandsneakers.com/2011/04/frittelle-di-fioridacacia-black-locust.html>

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## MY LIFE WITH PLANTS

By Jim Bishop

*This is a continuing series of articles that chronicle Jim Bishop's experiences with plants and the effect they have had on his life.*

### O Canada! Revisited

I wrote in my November 2013 column that a 1984 family trip to several gardens in British Columbia, Canada, was the inspiration for the first garden at my house in Encinitas. In June of this year I was able to revisit those gardens on a Pacific Horticulture tour.

I moved to San Diego in 1983 after buying my first house. Being cash poor I did almost no maintenance on the outside garden for the first year, and what little landscaping there was looked very sad. However, after visiting Canada the gardening bug bit me big time and set me on path of gardening and landscaping that has become the major avocation of my life.

In 1984, it was the raised display beds with large masses of color set against the undulating well-manicured green lawns in the quarry garden at Butchart Gardens (near the city of Victoria) that inspired me to create in my garden rolling mounds between the lawn and back hill and plant them with large color blocks of annuals and bulbs. While this is still done at Butchart, today the beds have taken on a slightly more nuanced look with a bit more mixing of shrubs, perennials and annuals. However, due to the amount of work required to maintain this look I gave it up decades ago, and I only had a small back lawn in Encinitas, which I made a little smaller each year.

Thirty-two years later, Butchart still has overwhelming floral color and the rose garden is perhaps even more beautiful than ever. However, on this visit I found myself paying more attention to some of the less visited back gardens, which have a stronger emphasis on shrubs and trees presented in a more naturalistic style. The Japanese themed garden displayed plants and hardscape of many textures and was designed for closer viewing that encloses you in the garden. The winding paths leading downhill, and garden rooms, are more similar to my current garden style than the large view of bright color patches of the quarry garden.

The second inspirational garden, and what for many years was my favorite landscape garden, is Van Dusen Botanical Garden in the city of Vancouver. The water features of the former golf course were turned into large ponds and undulating hills planted mostly in the botanical style of grouping plants from the same region together. Today it also has a new LEED-certified visitor center. It was the variety and positioning of the well-placed large trees in this garden that inspired me, along with the unusual plants from all over the world.

However, what I found most interesting on the most recent trip was how little overlap there is with plants I currently grow in my garden. Vancouver/Victoria and San Diego both like to boast about their mild weather and Mediterranean climates, but they are very different. A few months with only occasional rain in the summer is considered "dry" up there, while we have almost 9 months of no rain. With about 30 inches of annual rain, Victoria is one of the drier spots in coastal British Columbia, but it would be considered very wet by Southern California standards. And there are wide differences in temperature, seasons, and the amount of sunshine. Consequently, most of the perennial shrubs and even fewer of the trees can be grown here without lots of supplemental water.

At this time of year most gardeners in British Columbia are planting summer bedding plants, while in San Diego we are removing the last spent flowers of spring and watching much of our gardens go dormant until rain returns. The common use of lawns in gardens there is much rarer here, especially among our society members. However, you more frequently see small patches of unused lawns in fronts of commercial buildings in San Diego. In British Columbia you more frequently see commercial landscapes designed to show the seasons, with flowering trees or textured shrubs that give a sense of a garden and bring the buildings down to a more human scale.

So, over the decades I've learned to enjoy and appreciate the differences and also better understand that climate-appropriate gardening is the way to go to have a successful garden. I doubt that I will ever try to recreate Canada in my backyard again.

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Jim Bishop is President of San Diego Horticultural Society and a Garden Designer. 🌿





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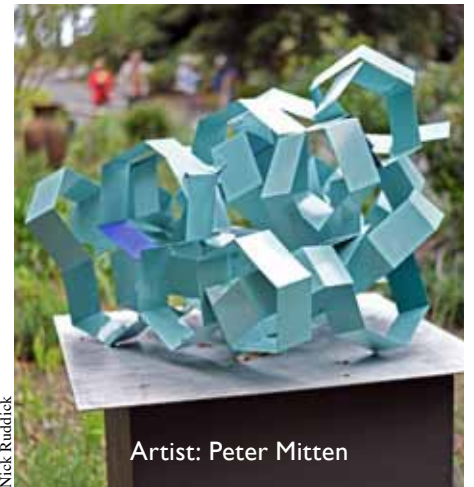
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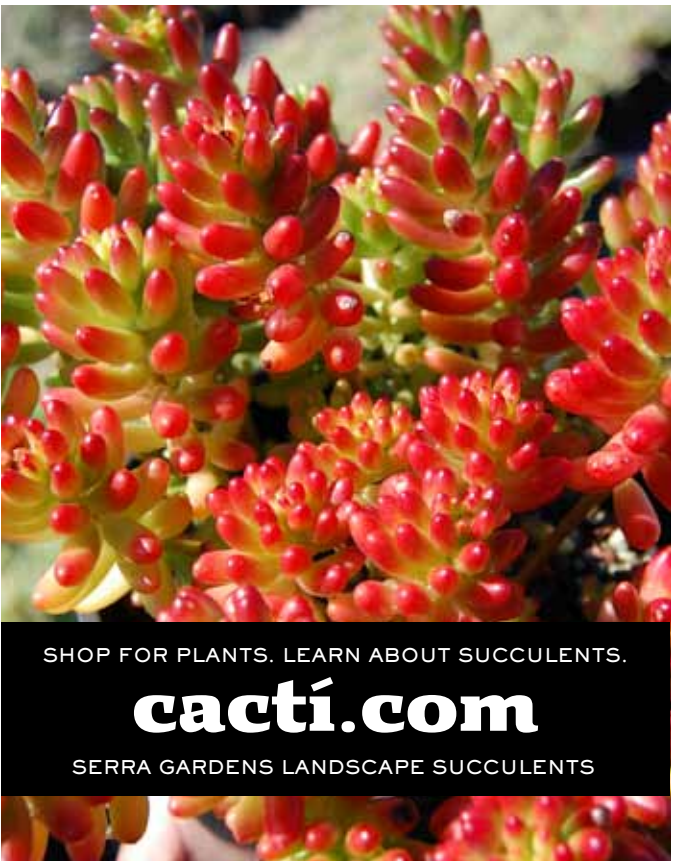
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Dr. Robert F. Hoover in the Herbarium.

Dr. Hoover published 32 scientific papers and books, including his extensive botanizing observations, *Vascular Plants of San Luis Obispo County*, an illustrated flora of the only southern or central California county that was relatively undisturbed at the time.

**Betty's Contributions**

Not as much is known about his wife Betty, but she seems to have played a working role in the botanic field. In a Regional Parks Botanic Garden newsletter from March 1970, Betty was still reviewing books and writing articles.



San Diego State University College of Science.

Hoover's cryptantha; *Cryptantha hooveri*, a California native plant.

Robert L. Hoover, their son, wrote these notes on his parents: "During his engagement days he gathered a number of seaweeds and made a seaweed soup, with which his bride to be, Betty, was not particularly enthralled. (Their) home...was the scene of many a warm welcome to students interested in things botanical and in his well-stocked and attractive garden of natives and succulents, the latter from the far reaches of the planet. Both faculty and students relied upon "Bob" to know the identity of any plant of the area. Most of the specimens in the Herbarium – started,

developed and finally named in his honor – were collected by him, pressed and mounted by him and his faithful helpmeet Betty."

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Susan Krzywicki is a native plant landscape designer in San Diego. She has been the first Horticulture Program Director for the California Native Plant Society, as well as chair of the San Diego Surfrider Foundation Ocean Friendly Gardens Committee and is on the Port of San Diego BCDC for the Chula Vista Bayfront. 🌿



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scientific community since tests have resulted in conflicting evidence.) However, I noticed the same thing happened with plants all over Del Mar after the backcountry fires caused thick smoke to blanket our town for a couple of months. A few months later every flowering tree, shrub, or vine bloomed its head off and many plants, including Monterey cypress, put on more growth than usual.

**Kristie Hildebrandt:** We live in Escondido in a hilly, rural area and have 67 hedge plants surrounding our backyard for privacy. Nine of them are Carolina Laurel Cherry and were planted in a retaining wall 1-1/2 years ago. The rest are *Ficus nitida*; 22 of the *F. nitida* were planted about five years ago and the rest were planted about two years ago. All are on drip. About one year ago I had some guys come to trim everything and they noticed that in the tops, I had thrips and gall wasps on the *F. nitida* and had some other chewers on the laurels (most are 18 feet tall now). Up to that time, I had never had any problems but I think reducing the water added some stress, which caused the insects to move in. I read that gall wasps were not harmful but would disfigure the hedges and cause leaf drop. I also read that the thrips could kill my *F. nitida*. The chewers on the laurels were beginning to wreak havoc. Big investment here with 67 of them and I did not want to lose any. I engaged an agricultural pest control company that was recommended by Grangetto's. They've injected each hedge plant twice in the last year, which included fertilizer (every six months). All are doing well now. Still prior gall wasp damage, but nothing new, no thrips and no chewers. Everything has been thriving but I have been trying to keep a close eye out, even in the tippy-tops, to make sure all stays well.



**Sue Ann Scheck:** Pruning shrubs and trees in the right season! Deep watering when necessary, also removing mature plant material when it is entirely spent to make room for healthy, living specimens. Some of our shrubs are 25 years old.

**Jackie:** My peach tree has much less fruit than usual this year despite an abundance of green leaves and my 25+ year old *Magnolia grandiflora* is losing lots more leaves than usual for this time of year, though still producing many flowers and new leaves.

**Walter Andersen:** I moved recently, so with the re-landscaping we chose more low water use plants, including leptospermum, puya, cistus, kalanchoe, aeonium, cycads, and *Acacia cognata* 'Cousin Itt' (spectacular plant). Lots of bark mulch covering the soil and a DIG watering system. In a very private, shady area I have my *Platycerium* (staghorn fern) collection (also on a DIG system) with some ferns and bromeliads in the ground. We replaced old gravel areas with concrete pavers and the horrible looking lawn is now artificial turf. A new supplemental planting of *Acacia redolens* helps the ice plant hold the steep bank in the back. *Calliandra surinamensis* was planted near the bottom of the bank to add height and blooms.

**Tom Biggart:** The whole scenario is pretty hopeless! We have lost a huge *Araucaria* and a mature *Banksia integrifolia*. As the mature trees and shrubs die we replace them with tougher plants or.... Plant Oxalis!!

**Paula Suttle:** I slow water mature trees by putting the hose at the base, at a very low trickle and leave it for a day or two. I have

been gathering fallen debris from other parts of the garden to spread on open areas that attract unwanted weeds. I am letting attractive wildflowers that volunteer remain where they grow. I have tried four or five native grasses, but only one did well and spread (I forget which one). I stick to natives when I plant shop. I don't trim overhanging plants as much so that I don't cut down on shade. I place water-loving (more water needy plants) near faucets.

**Jessica Colton:** I have a mature Palo Verde in my front yard. I estimate she is probably 50-60 years old. This old girl was looking pretty bad this year and although she doesn't drink very much water; I just assumed the drought was part of the problem. With her age she has lost a lot of her green and is brown so I didn't pay much attention to her condition until one day my neighbor left a note exclaiming that she had never seen my beautiful tree look so terrible. That scared me... and after a much closer look at the dead leaves I realized I had an emergency on my hands. So I called a pest service and found out it wasn't the drought, she had tree mites in a bad way. I had to have two treatments done on her; but now she is full of leaves and happy again. My magnolia, on the other hand is more affected by the drought and I have been watering on my designated days, or once a week. I'm looking forward to hearing what other are doing.

**Tina Ivany:** I had a rain barrel installed last October, a 205-gallon Bushman tank. It filled up several times from the rain we got. I used the water to deeply irrigate some of my bushes and trees, with the trees getting first dibs. My goal was to store the water in the ground as opposed to the tank. The plants *loved* the water and grew quite a bit. I know they had been stressed and it was fun to watch all that lovely water soak in, guilt free. The leaves on my camellias have never been so glossy! 🌿

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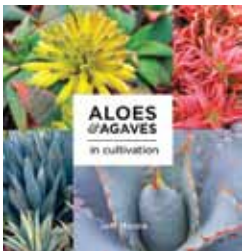


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Vineyard Landscape



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Barbara Raub (2)

shower. Theirs was a good interpretation of the Fair theme, too.

The Best Planted Container award went to **Vineyard Landscape**, another new exhibitor; for their *Garden of Wonder*. It featured the excellent use of recycled wood for their large container wall. The judges loved the cutouts in the wall for windows, which were then partly filled with boxes of colorful succulents on many kinds. There was a nice vertical succulent garden on the back side of the wall. This was a wonderful garden with good scale and a very nice water feature.

The award for Best use of California Native Plants went to Helix Environmental Planning for their vibrant display, titled *Vernal Pool Inspired Landscape Design with Native Plants and Burrowing Owl Box*. The garden had a beautiful display of a vernal pool section with a glass panel so you can see the internal pool structure. It was very educational in terms of native flora and fauna, especially about the burrowing owls.

Our Don & Dorothy Walker Award for Most Outstanding Exhibit went to **Pro Trees** for their *Repurposed Wonderland* garden. The garden was inspiring, educational and creative, with great attention to detail. It shows good design and choice of plant material. The judges enjoyed the rain chain, and the tree rounds used for both planters and pavers. The design was practical and elegant at the same time. Outstanding job! 🌿



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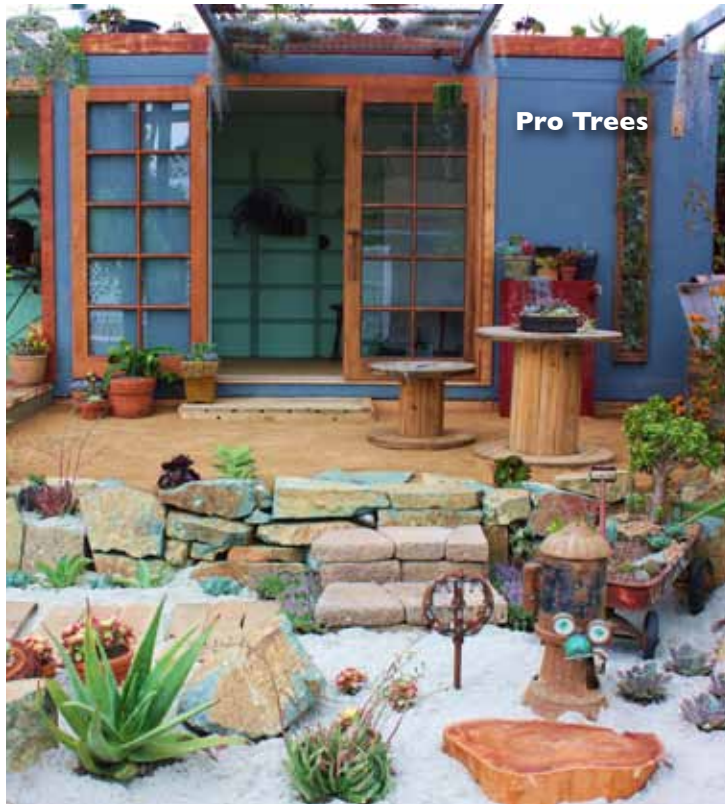
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# SDHS FAIR GARDEN - AN AWARD-WINNING SUCCESS!

Our beautiful garden won some great awards - see page 3



Barbara Raub (4)





# JUNE NIGHT AT THE FAIR

By Donna Tierney

The San Diego Horticultural Society's annual event honoring outstanding horticulturalists was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Members and guests were able to view the many wonderful garden exhibits and talk to their designers on an evening not open to the public. Inspired by this year's fair theme of "Through the Looking Glass," many exhibits featured water wise plants combined with varying degrees of whimsy.

SDHS's own exhibit was sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority and designed and installed by Linda Teague, with help from Mary Friestedt and Dave Ericson. It featured a gorgeous array of South African plants. Since South Africa is located on the same latitude as San Diego and has a similar Mediterranean climate, these plants perform very well in our local gardens.

This year's Horticulturalist of the Year Award was presented to the Horticulture Staff (both past and present) of the San Diego Zoo, which is celebrating its 100 year anniversary! Inspired by the vision of Dr. Harry Wegeforth in 1916, the zoo sits on 100 acres. Over the past 100 years its landscape has evolved from a small number of donated plants to the gem that is celebrated internationally today! This transformation is a direct result of the dedication and expertise of the many fine horticulturists who are currently working or have worked at the zoo over the years. The horticulturists representing the Zoo at the presentation had a combination of 125 years of experience! Congratulations to all for this incredible achievement!

At the end of the presentation, the honorees, members and guests enjoyed the traditional cakes provided by SDHS. Thanks to the volunteers and Fairgrounds staff (especially Cindy Benoit) who helped make the evening a great success, and to Carol Lane for organizing the event. 🌿

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Bob Bandhauer



Carol Lane (2)

Volunteers helping with the cake



Our traditional cake





# PACIFIC HORTICULTURE

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In June 2017, we will be visiting Southern France and will discover the work of some of the area's finest landscape artists throughout the centuries as well as the gardens, views and vistas that inspired the artwork of Renoir, Cézanne, van Gogh, Matisse, Chagall, Gauguin and Picasso. In addition to the magnificent natural beauty of this area, this tour will bring you a greater understanding of the context in which their art was created and hopefully deepen your appreciation of it.

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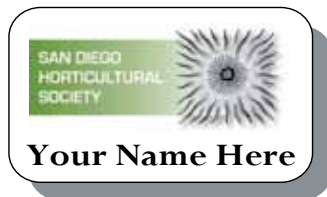


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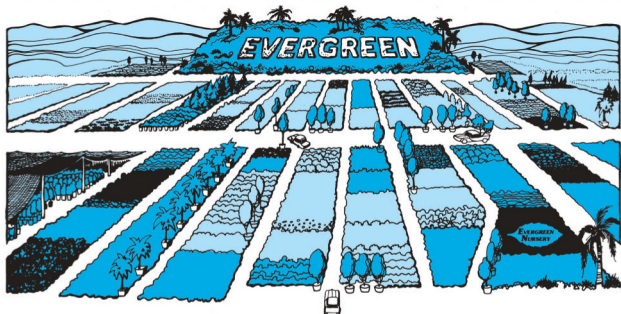


## What's Happening? for JULY 2016

The SDHS is happy to publicize items of horticultural interest. See other side for resources & ongoing events.  
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## Events at Public Gardens

❖ **Alta Vista Gardens** Contact info on other side  
**July 18, 9-11am, Composting Workshop:** Compost and vermicompost basics. Free with admission. Info: [www.altavistagardens.org](http://www.altavistagardens.org) or [vistacomposting@gmail.com](mailto:vistacomposting@gmail.com) or (760) 305-7842 or (760) 598-8289.

❖ **San Diego Botanic Garden** Contact info on other side  
**To Aug. 25: Thursday Family Fun Nights.** Pack up the kids and enjoy some outdoor fun at Thursday Family Fun Night, every Thursday from 4:30 – 8 pm. From 6-7 pm don't miss family-friendly entertainment designed to amuse both children and adults. Free with paid admission or membership.

**July 9, 9am-12pm, Living Wall / Vertical Garden:** Plant a 10"x20" wall of succulent varieties. Living walls can be used exterior or interior with multitudes of colors, textures and sizes. Pre-registration is required. Members \$30, Non-Members \$36 plus \$75 per student materials.

**July 9, 9am-1pm, Flower Photography Artistic Effects:** Learn how to use natural light to create beautiful and unique flower images. Members \$59, non-members \$71. Please register by one week prior to class.

**July 9, 10am-12pm, Free Compost Workshops:** Learn the basics of backyard composting and vermicomposting (composting with worms). Register at [www.Solanacenter.org](http://www.Solanacenter.org).

**Saturdays, 10:30am, Waterwise Tour:** There are so many alternatives to using large amounts of water in the garden. Come see our gardens and take home lots of tips for conserving water in your own garden.

### ❖ The Water Conservation Garden

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**July 16, 9:30-11:30am, Lessons on Butterfly Gardening:** Tour of the Butterfly Pavilion and hear stories that will inspire you to create your own pollinator habitat. Non-Members \$10 admission.

**July 17, 9:30-10:30am, Free Special Access Tour:** Explore The Garden from the comfort of the Verbeck Shuttle with a Garden docent.

**July 23, 9:30-11:30am, Toss the Turf:** Step-by-step process of removing or changing out your turf to prepare it for a more water-efficient and beautiful landscape. Non-Members \$10 admission.

**July 31, 9am-4pm, Water Agency Customer Appreciation Day:** Discover different varieties of drought-tolerant plants, learn how to "Toss the Turf", and more. Free for Helix Water District and Sweetwater Authority customers.

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◆ **Walter Andersen Nursery FREE Saturday Classes**

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#### Point Loma, 9am

July 2, Everything Organic for the Garden

July 9, Hot Weather Veggies

July 16, Peppers & Salsa

July 23, Plumeria

July 30, Gardening 101: Houseplants

#### Poway, 9:30am

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## Next SDHS Meeting

July 11:

### SDHS Night at the Zoo

See page 1 & website for details

More garden-related events on  
other side.



## Other Garden-Related Events:

Check with hosts to confirm dates & details

### Visit the SDHS Display Garden at the San Diego County Fair now through July 4

**July 2 & 3, 10-3, Ask a Master Gardener:** Bring your questions on gardening, pest management, irrigation, etc. and get help from a certified Master Gardener. Botanical Garden, Balboa Park. Info: [www.mastergardenerssandiego.org](http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org).

**July 9, 10-noon, Solana Center's Composting Workshop:** Gilliam Family Community Space and Garden 2835 Imperial Ave. Info/register: [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

**July 9, 10-noon, Solana Center's Composting Workshop:** San Diego Botanic Garden 230 Quail Gardens Drive Encinitas. Info/register: [www.solanacenter.org](http://www.solanacenter.org).

**July 13, 7:00pm, Epiphyllum Society:** General meeting. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Info: (310) 833-6823.

**July 16, 9:30am, Hummingbirds and Butterflies in your Garden:** Master Gardener and expert in hummingbird and butterflies, Marcia Van Loy, will share with you the secrets of attracting them to your garden. Santee Public Library, 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd., Suite 17. Info: [www.mastergardenerssandiego.org](http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org).

**July 19, 2:30-6, Ask a Master Gardener:** Bring your questions on gardening, pest management, irrigation, etc. and get help from a certified Master Gardener. Escondido Farmers Market, Grand Ave. Info: [www.mastergardenerssandiego.org](http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org).

**July 23, 11:30am-3pm, Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society:** The Needs of Succulents Above and Below Ground and in and out of Pots. Community Center 210 Park Ave., Escondido. Info: [www.palomarcactus.org](http://www.palomarcactus.org)

**July 28, 6:30pm, Del Mar Rose Society:** New plants for the drought-tolerant garden. 1658 Coast Blvd, Del Mar. Info: [www.delmarrosesociety.org](http://www.delmarrosesociety.org).

**July 30 (noon), 31 (10am), San Diego Orchid Society:** Orchids In The Park Show & Sale. Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Info: [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com).

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